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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Applications of)
READING BROADCASTING, INC.)
For Renewal of License of)
Station WTVE(TV), Channel 51,)
Reading, Pennsylvania)
and)
ADAMS COMMUNICATIONS)
CORPORATION)
For Construction Permit for a New)
Television Station to Operate on)
Channel 51, Reading, Pennsylvania)

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Richard L. Sippel,
Administrative Law Judge

NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTION TO REPRESENTATION
OF RBI BY HOLLAND & KNIGHT

1. Adams Communications Corporation ("Adams") hereby notifies the Presiding Judge and the parties that Adams withdraws its objection, presented to the Presiding Judge earlier today prior to the scheduled deposition of Milton Podolsky, concerning the representation of Reading Broadcasting, Inc. ("RBI") by the law firm of Holland & Knight.

2. The circumstances which give rise to this withdrawal are as follows: At a breakfast meeting of Adams shareholder and undersigned counsel on Thursday, October 14, 1999, Milton Podolsky, an Adams shareholder and scheduled deponent, advised counsel that the

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law firm of Holland & Knight had represented Mr. Podolsky in connection with certain business transactions during 1999. Before that matter could be explored in detail, however, Mr. Podolsky was called away from the meeting to attend to a medical emergency involving his wife, who has been in the intensive care unit of Northwestern University Hospital for approximately one month. Mr. Podolsky left the meeting and was unavailable for further conference (or deposition) on Thursday. His deposition was rescheduled for the next morning (*i.e.*, today).

3. During the other depositions which were conducted on Thursday, reference was made to the apparent representation of Mr. Podolsky by Holland & Knight. RBI's counsel indicated in response that Holland & Knight had considered the question of potential conflict, but had resolved it to the satisfaction of Holland & Knight.

4. When Mr. Podolsky appeared for his deposition on Friday morning, undersigned counsel and Howard Gilbert, a shareholder, officer and director of Adams, met with him and sought additional information concerning the representation of Holland & Knight. Mr. Podolsky advised that he was general partner in at least one partnership which was represented by Holland & Knight in a real estate transaction within the last several months. He also advised that his long-time Florida counsel – a Florida law firm – had, about a year ago, merged with Holland & Knight. He also advised that he had not been notified by Holland & Knight of any potential conflict, nor had he agreed to waive any such conflict. On the basis of this information, Adams advised RBI's counsel that Adams would object to the further representation of RBI by Holland & Knight in this proceeding. There ensued an extended telephone conference with the Presiding Judge. That conference was transcribed by the court reported present for the previously scheduled depositions.

5. Following the conference, at which the proceeding was placed on hold pending submission of a formal motion to disqualify by Adams, a response by RBI (and the Mass Media Bureau, if it chooses), and resolution by the Presiding Judge, undersigned counsel met with Mr. Podolsky to obtain further details concerning the representation of his interests by Holland & Knight to be used in preparation of a formal motion to disqualify. Mr. Podolsky continued to state that he held a personal, general partnership interest in a party to a substantial real estate transaction involving Podolsky family interests. He was unable to provide specific information concerning the precise extent of his interests and the manner in which they were held, so he referred counsel to an administrative person in Mr. Podolsky's office who would be able to review relevant files and provide such details. Counsel and Mr. Gilbert immediately contacted that administrative person, who reviewed the relevant files and advised that the particular transaction at issue involved a Podolsky family partnership which did not include Mr. Podolsky as an individual partner but did include his children and his wife as partners. When advised of this, Mr. Podolsky indicated that he had apparently been mistaken in the information he had previously provided to counsel.

6. In view of this more definite information which appears to eliminate the conflict about which Adams was concerned, Adams hereby notifies the Presiding Judge and the other parties that Adams withdraws its objection to the continued representation of RBI by Holland & Knight. Adams apologizes to the Presiding Judge and to Holland & Knight for any inconvenience that this has caused, and agrees to pay the reasonable expenses (including airfare and hotel) of RBI's counsel to return to Chicago to complete the depositions of Adams's principals. Adams sincerely regrets the confusion which arose in connection with this matter, which Adams raised in good faith based on the information which was available to it at the time.

In this regard, Adams notes that the unavailability of Mr. Podolsky because of his wife's medical emergency (and possibly Mr. Podolsky's own state of mind, which was obviously distracted by concern for his wife) interfered with Adams's ability to determine the full factual situation prior to Mr. Podolsky's scheduled deposition. As a result, at the time of that deposition it was essential, in Adams's view, to raise the objection to the representation or risk having it deemed waived. The instant notification is being prepared and served on the Presiding Judge and all parties by fax from Chicago immediately after Adams has learned that it had been initially misinformed by Mr. Podolsky.

Respectfully submitted,



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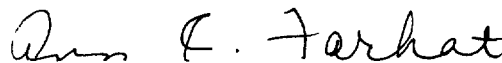
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I hereby certify that, on this 15th day of October, 1999, I caused copies of the foregoing "Notification of Withdrawal of Objection to Representation of RBI by Holland & Knight" to be served via telecopier to the following individuals:

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